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House Resolution 1466

By: Representative Yates of the 73<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Matt Dettmering for his role in saving the life of Kenny Edwards and inviting
- 2 him to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, when a recent crisis struck the Georgia Power General Services Headquarters
- 4 Repair Shop in Forest Park, Georgia, employee Matt Dettmering, along with Jeff Dillard,
- 5 Arthur Page, Thomas Sellers, and Vincent Washington, rose to the occasion to valiantly save
- 6 the life of co-worker Kenny Edwards; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards was working in a motor test pit when a sudden explosion flung
- 8 him against a metal beam, knocking him unconscious and stopping his heart; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Page immediately rushed to the aid of the severely burned Mr. Edwards,
- 10 swiftly extinguishing the fire and cutting off Mr. Edwards's shirt with a pocketknife; and
- 11 WHEREAS, after finding no pulse, Mr. Sellers and Mr. Dillard cautiously moved Mr.
- 12 Edwards into a proper position for Mr. Dillard to perform CPR until paramedics arrived; and
- 13 WHEREAS, using a recently installed defibrillator, Mr. Washington administered shocks to
- 14 Mr. Edwards and succeeded in reviving his heart; and
- 15 WHEREAS, with a cool head and a calm determination, Mr. Dettmering called 911 and
- 16 reported the details of this unfortunate accident and the condition of its victim; and
- WHEREAS, swiftly and selflessly coming to the aid of a colleague in peril, the life saving
- actions of these five extraordinary gentlemen are a testament to the power of heroism.

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 $1\quad NOW, THEREFORE, BE\,IT\,RESOLVED\,BY\,THE\,HOUSE\,OF\,REPRESENTATIVES\,that$ 

- 2 the members of this body join together to commend Matt Dettmering for his heroism and
- 3 thank him for his role in rescuing the life of Kenny Edwards.
- 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Matt Dettmering is invited to the House of
- 5 Representatives for purposes of being recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate
- 6 copy of this resolution at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House.